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SUBJ: NPT REVCON: DR IKLE'S PLENARY STATEMENT MAY 6, 1975

STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY DR FRED C IKLE

AT THE MAY 6, 1975 MEETING OF THE

NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

MADAME PRESIDENT:

IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO CONVEY A MESSAGE TO THIS  
CONFERENCE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

"THIS REVIEW CONFERENCE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
FOCUS NEW ATTENTION ON OUR VITAL OBLIGATION TO ARREST  
THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY  
THAT CONFRONTS ALL NATIONS EQUALLY AND IMPARTIALLY.  
NUCLEAR ENERGY CAN AND SHOULD PROMOTE THE FORTUNES OF  
NATIONS ASSEMBLED AT THIS CONFERENCE. BUT ITS DESTRUC-  
TIVE POTENTIAL CAN AND MUST BE CONTAINED.

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SUPPORT FOR THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IS A MAJOR TENET OF AMERICAN POLICY. CONSEQUENTLY, I HOPE THIS CONFERENCE WILL:

- CONVEY THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-PROLIFERATION TO THE SECURITY OF ALL NATIONS, HENCE TO GLOBAL STABILITY;
- PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, WHILE ENSURING THAT IT NOT BE MISUSED AS A MEANS OF MASS DESTRUCTION;
- ENCOURAGE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND WIDER APPLICATION OF EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS AND PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND FACILITIES; AND
- REVIEW THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT SINCE THE TREATY WAS SIGNED, AND PROMOTE EFFORTS TO BUILD ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

WE WELCOME THE IMPORTANT RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE ROSTER OF PARTIES TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AS WELL AS THE INDICATIONS THAT OTHERS ARE MOVING TOWARD ADHERENCE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE TREATY'S PROMISE IS NOT YET FULLY REALIZED, BUT WE TAKE SATISFACTION FROM WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. WE FURTHER RECOGNIZE THAT NO TREATY BY ITSELF CAN PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. YET WE REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IS AN ESSENTIAL MEANS OF ADVANCING THIS PURPOSE.

ALTHOUGH WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, WE SEE IN REVIEWING THE RECORD THAT THE COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING TO CREATE A MORE STABLE WORLD COMMUNITY IS WELL UNDERWAY.

I TAKE THIS OCCASION THEREFORE TO RE-DEDICATE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES TO THE SUPPORT OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND TO THE HIGH PURPOSE OF A STABLE PEACE WHICH ANIMATES IT."

FEW INTERNATIONAL ENDEAVORS ARE MORE DESERVING OF OUR ATTENTION AND ENERGY THAN CONTAINING THE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL OF THE ATOM. THE STAKES INVOLVED ARE ENORMOUS.

WE CANNOT BE COMPLACENT--AND INDEED WE ARE NOT--  
ABOUT THE NUCLEAR ARSENALS THAT NOW EXIST. WE MUST  
PRESS AHEAD TO MAKE MORE COMPREHENSIVE THE LIMITATIONS  
WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPOSED, AND BEGIN TO REDUCE THE POTEN-  
TIAL FOR DESTRUCTION--A POTENTIAL THAT WE CAN SCARCELY  
GRASP.

BUT IT WOULD BE A FATAL ERROR IF WE ASSUMED THAT  
WE COULD MOVE FORWARD IN REDUCING THE THREAT OF  
NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION WHILE NATION AFTER NATION BEGAN  
TO BUILD ITS OWN NUCLEAR ARSENALS. WE CANNOT MOVE  
FORWARD AND BACKWARD AT THE SAME TIME. THE RISK OF  
NUCLEAR DESTRUCTION--BY DESIGN, MISCALCULATION, OR  
ACCIDENT--CANNOT BE REDUCED IF NUCLEAR COMPETITION  
DRIVES A DANGEROUS WEDGE BETWEEN NEIGHBORING NATIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE. THE DANGERS RESULTING  
FROM NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ARE SHARED BY ALL, NUCLEAR  
POWERS AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES ALIKE.

WE THEREFORE HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN THE SUCCESS  
OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. IT IS MY GOVERN-  
MENT'S HOPE THAT THIS CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ATTENTION  
ON THE TREATY'S ESSENTIAL ROLE IN PROMOTING THE SECURITY  
OF ALL STATES, AND THAT IT WILL PROVIDE A TIMULUS FOR  
COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO MAKE THE TREATY  
AS EFFECTIVE AND UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE AS POSSIBLE.

THE BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY--ARTICLES I  
AND II--HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED FAITHFULLY BY THE PARTIES.  
THE SAFEGUARDS RESULTING FROM ARTICLE III MAKE AN  
IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECURITY OF  
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ALL STATES. BUT IN OUR JUDGMENT, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
ALL THREE ARTICLES CAN BE STRENGTHENED BEST BY SECURING  
THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY. HENCE,  
IT IS MOST GRATIFYING THAT SEVERAL STATES HAVE RECENTLY  
COMPLETED THEIR RATIFICATION. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
RATIFIED THE TREATY. JUST LAST WEEK MAJOR INDUSTRIAL  
COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE ALSO BECAME PARTIES TO THE  
TREATY: BELGIUM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,  
ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, AND THE NETHERLANDS. WE WELCOME  
ALL THE NEW PARTIES. SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE ATTAINED  
WORLD LEADERSHIP IN PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR  
TECHNOLOGY. THIS OFFERS TELLING EVIDENCE THAT THE  
TREATY IS CONSISTENT WITH PROGRESS IN THE PEACEFUL  
USES OF THE ATOM. IN FACT, THE TREATY NOT ONLY SUP-  
PORTS PEACEFUL USES, BUT HELPS PRESERVE THE WORLD

ORDER WITHOUT WHICH PEACEFUL USES COULD NOT SURVIVE AND  
EXPAND.

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FROM USDEL NPT REVCON

IN ITS FIRST FIVE YEARS, THE TREATY HAS CLEARLY SERVED  
TO INCREASE THE VOLUME OF INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR COMMERCE.  
THE UNITED STATES, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS ENTERED INTO INTER-  
NATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF URANIUM TO  
MEET THE NEEDS OF SOME 150 POWER REACTORS IN NON-NUCLEAR  
WEAPON STATES, HAVING A TOTAL CAPACITY OF ABOUT 120,000  
MEGAWATTS. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPORTED  
35 NUCLEAR REACTORS SINCE 1970. MOST OF THIS COOPERA-  
TION HAS BEEN WITH STATES NOW PARTY TO THE NON-PROLIFERA-  
TION TREATY OR WITH SIGNATORIES WHOSE RATIFICATION  
APPEARS IMMINENT.

THE UNITED STATES HAS SHARED ITS PEACEFUL NUCLEAR  
TECHNOLOGY GENEROUSLY. IT HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION,  
OFFERED TRAINING, SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROGRAMS, SUPPLIED  
URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES, AND SOLD OR DONATED RESEARCH

AND POWER REACTORS EMBODYING THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.

AID TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAS ALSO INCREASED  
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CONSIDERABLY SINCE THE TREATY WAS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE. WE BELIEVE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTY TO THE TREATY SHOULD BE GIVEN FAVORED CONSIDERATION IN NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE. LAST YEAR, MY GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT PARTIES WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE IN THE ALLOCATION OF OUR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE INCREASING SUBSTANTIALLY THE AMOUNT OF OUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR 1975.

A MAJOR PURPOSE--INDEED, A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT--OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IS TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE EXPANSION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION. BUT, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAST FALL, OUR POLICY OF WIDELY SUPPLYING NUCLEAR FUELS AND OTHER NUCLEAR MATERIALS "CANNOT CONTINUE IF IT LEADS TO THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES.

THE RAPID WXPANSION OF THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY HAS RAISED MASSIVE NEW PROBLEMS. ONE IS MEETING FUEL REPROCESSING NEEDS IN THE SAFEST AND MOST ECONOMIC WAY. ANOTHER IS THE DISPOSAL OF THE RAPIDLY ACCUMULATING NUCLEAR WASTES. FORTUNATELY, WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS. THERE IS NO ECONOMIC NEED FOR REPROCESSING FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME, AND SPENT FUEL CAN STILL BE KEPT IN TERMPORARY STORAGE. BUT NATIONS MUST COOPERATE TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS SOON TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

THE PROMOTION OF PEACEFUL USES OF THE ATOM IS INSEPARABLY LINKED WITH SAFEGUARDS TO INSPIRE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE THAT FISSIONABLE MATERIALS ARE NOT BEING DIVERTED TO DESTRUCTIVE PURPOSES. WE CAN ALL TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT HAS BEEN DONE ABOUT SAFEGUARDS. SPECIFICALLY, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY HAS ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL. ITS EFFORTS DESERVE THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF US ALL.

VIRTUALLY EVERY PARTY TO THIS TREATY WITH NUCLEAR FACILITIES REQUIRING SAFEGUARDS HAS NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCY; AND ALMOST EVERY NUCLEAR FACILITY  
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NOW OPERATING IN THE NON-NUCLEAR-WAPON STATES IS SUBJECT  
TO AGENCY SAFEGUARDS, OR WILL BE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
THIS IS A GOOD RECORD.

BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. WE NEED TO ENSURE:

- THAT ALL PARTIES TO THE TREATY CONCLUDE  
AGREEMENTS WITH THE AGENCY;
- THAT SAFEGUARDS ARE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT;  
AND
- THAT SAFEGUARDS COVER, AS COMPREHENSIVELY AS  
POSSIBLE, THE NUCLEAR FACILITIES OF NON-NUCLEAR-  
WEAPON STATES NOT PARTY TO THE TREATY AND PRECLUDE  
DIVERSION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR ANY NUCLEAR  
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

ALSO, WE HAVE TO CONCERN OURSELVES SERIOUSLY WITH THE  
THREAT OF THEFT AND OTHER CRIMINAL SEIZURE OF NUCLEAR  
MATERIAL. WE HOPE THIS CONFERENCE WILL RECOGNIZE THE  
NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THIS GRIM  
DANGER.

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ARTICLE V, AS WE ALL KNOW, WAS INCLUDED IN THE  
TREATY TO ENSURE THAT THE NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES  
ADHERING TO THE TREATY WOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF ANY  
POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS THAT  
MIGHT BE REALIZED BY THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

IN THE UNITED STATES, THERE HAS BEEN MUCH RESEARCH  
AND EXPERIMENTATION ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR  
PEACEFUL PURPOSES. BUT WE HAVE NOT YET REDUCED ANY  
APPLICATION TO PRACTICE, NOR HAVE WE OBTAINED ANY  
COMMERCIAL BENEFITS FROM THIS TECHNOLOGY. IF AND WHEN  
WE SHOULD SUCCEED IN DOING SO, WE WOULD, OF COURSE,  
MAKE THOSE BENEFITS AVAILABLE, AS CALLED FOR IN THE TREATY.

QUESTIONS REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED REGARDING THE FEASI-  
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BILITY AND PRACTICABILITY OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.  
MOREOVER, NO REQUEST FOR SUCH EXPLOSIONS HAS EVER GONE  
BEYOND THE STAGE OF PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDIES.  
FOR THESE REASONS, THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN NO PRACTICAL

NECESSITY TO CONCLUDE THE INTER-NATIONAL AGREEMENT OR  
AGREEMENTS MENTIONED IN ARTICLE V. HOWEVER, THE  
UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO NEGOTIATE THE REQUISITE  
AGREEMENTS WHEN THE PRACTICAL NEED DEVELOPS. IN THE  
MEANTIME, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE  
IN CONSIDERATION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT  
MAY BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE BENEFITS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR  
EXPLOSIONS AVAILABLE INTERNATIONALLY. TOWARD THIS END,  
IMPORTANT STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.  
MY GOVERNMENT, AS ONE OF THE POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS OF  
SUCH SERVICES, HAS AGREED TO ASSIST THE AGENCY IN A  
STUDY OF THE RELATED LEGAL PROBLEMS.

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